

*Seventy Fifth Commemorative 1891-1964*



**saint  
joseph's  
college**

RENSSELAER, INDIANA



#### ASCENT TO TRUTH

Man's soul brought early into alert, many-winged engagement with truth will champion it in his personal, family, social, and religious life. Thus will he prepare for union with Eternal Verity and ever look up from this devious and perplexing earthly pilgrimage to the fair realms of Light.

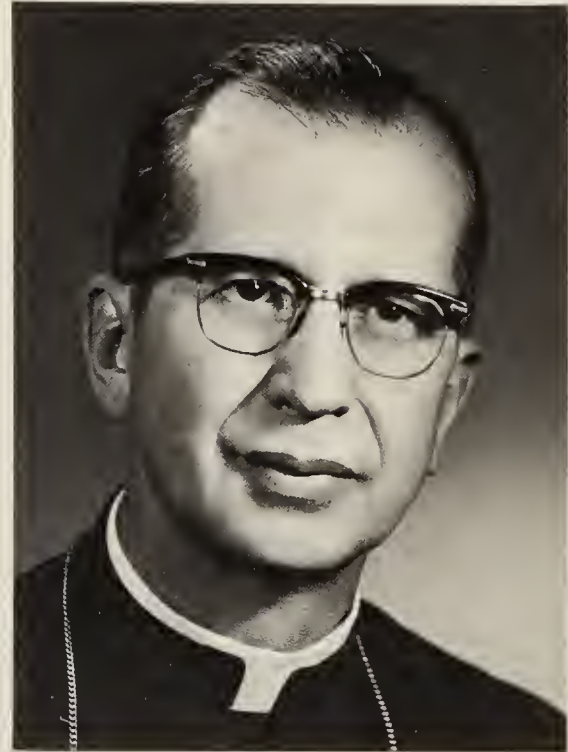


The Catholic religious  
Society of the Precious Blood  
owns St. Joseph's College.  
Its Provincial Superior heads  
The Board of Control.

VERY REVEREND JOHN E. BYRNE, C.P.P.S.

The President has  
appointment from the  
Board of Control, and in  
its name is officially head  
of both administration and faculty.

VERY REVEREND RAPHAEL H. GROSS, C.P.P.S.



By way of preface to this Jubilee brochure, I wish to quote thoughts expressed on two occasions highlighting the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the College:

"Down the years, Saint Joseph's College has had its days of glory and unforgettable events, but few of them have been as meaningful and memorable as today . . . (which) witnesses an important step toward the realization of a dream: the laying of the cornerstone of a new student center, and the opening of the Diamond Jubilee Development Program of the College. . . . Today is indeed historic. For the first time a former president, a beloved General, a great American hero and statesman, a great world figure honors the College by his presence."

*(The Eisenhower visit September 13, 1962)*

"Today we recall the struggles and disappointments, the successes and achievements of the past seventy-five years. There has been a blending of the bitter and the sweet in our effort to develop a center of education for American youth, a school of high rank. . . . Our cup of gladness is full because a dream of decades is now realized: our own community house for priests and brothers is built and today is blessed by the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the first time a personal representative of the Holy Father himself has visited the campus. . . . With grateful hearts we think of the living and the dead who built this institution: you bishops and priests, you lay members of the faculty and staff, all the Fathers and Brothers and Sisters C.P.P.S., the Lay Trustees and Fellows, the alumni, the students and their parents, our many neighbors, friends and benefactors.

"Though we are today 75 years young, the College has not reached the age of complacent retrospection. The dangers of the future are perhaps a greater challenge than those we have already met. To confront the hostile forces which menace all private higher education, the energy and enthusiasm of youth must be wedded to the prudence and wisdom of age. If the College is to grow, we must face the future without fear. We must be bold and determined. More than ever we shall need the very active support of our bishops, our Trustees and Fellows, students and alumni, all our good friends and neighbors. We shall need the help of God and the protection of Saint Joseph." *(May 1, 1963)*

*Raphael W. Brown*





Bishop Joseph Dwenger



When in 1888 Provincial Henry Drees (lower left) agreed to found a college for boys on three hundred acres given by Most Reverend Joseph Dwenger of Fort Wayne, the Indian Normal School stood right across the road. Built with funds supplied by Catherine Drexel of Philadelphia as part of a program for educating Indian youth brought in from the West, remodeled in 1937 for use as a student dorm, Drexel Hall survives today, a memento to a noble but short-lived endeavor.



This fine building, south half of the present Administration Building, was then all-sufficient academically. Several frame structures erected later served their purpose and were replaced by some of the twenty-two which now deck the campus proper on the 1700 acres of Collegeville. This 1890 construction was in due time climaxed by the grand dedication in August of 1891. As of that date, Saint Joseph's College was ready to operate. O tempora! O pecunia! Cost of higher education being no doubt commensurate with that of the food, we may in retrospect wonder that all the visitors did not matriculate immediately on that gala day.



# SOLEMN DEDICATION!

--Of The--

ST. JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE!

-AT-

**Rensselaer, Indiana,  
SUNDAY, AUG. 23**

**Right Rev. Bishop Joseph Rademacher D.D.**

of Nashville, Tenn., will dedicate the College under the management of the Missionary Fathers of the order of the Most Precious Blood.

The very REV. FATHER WELSH, D. D. President of Notre Dame University, will deliver the dedicatory sermon.

The newly converted Indian boys of the Rensselaer Catholic Indian Normal School, will chant the Latin Dedication Psalm.

Dinner and Supper served for the benefit of College, in college building, for 25 cents each. All kinds of legal refreshments served in the grove.

All Excursion trains reach Rensselaer in time for the Excursionists Mass at 11:30, A. M.

RETURN AT 7:30, P. M.

**FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP:**

via L. N. A. & C. R'y. Monon Route.

| STATIONS.          | TIME.     | RATE.  | STATIONS.        | TIME. | RATE. |
|--------------------|-----------|--------|------------------|-------|-------|
| Michigan City..... | 7 45 A. M | \$1 00 | Schimmelville .. | 8 50  | 1 00  |
| Otis.....          | 8 10      | 1 00   | LaCross.....     | 9 02  | 1 00  |
| Westville.....     | 8 20      | 1 00   | Wilder.....      | 9 10  | 1 00  |
| Alida.....         | 8 25      | 1 00   | San Pierre.....  | 9 23  | 1 00  |
| Haskells.....      | 8 20      | 1 00   | Medaryville .... | 9 45  | .90   |
| Wanatab.....       | 8 40      | 1 00   | Francaville..... | 10 00 | .70   |
| South Wanatab..... | 8 45      | 1 00   | Rensselaer.....  | 11 20 |       |





High and dry stands the finished, dedicated College—high on property which in some seasons might be under water; the land indeed was flat, low, and not then well drained. In the rear were remnants of old orphanage.





Shows the 1893 addition and Minim Building, which is now Gaspar. The white house, built on the frame of an older orphanage structure, was later the Brothers' home. The wonderful side view includes chapel; it was dedicated in 1910.





The stuff of a college, 1893.  
Also some fancy stuff around 1900:  
The gala Zouaves, color brigade.  
Left recliner: William Arnold—later  
Brigadier General, U.S. Chief of  
Chaplains; now Bishop in New York.





Of this august faculty of  
1906, sole survivor is he of the book.  
On May 1, 1964, the College did  
mark festively the sixtieth anniversary  
of ordination for its Emeritus  
Professor Ildephonse Rapp.





The old bandstand was removed in 1963; the dilapidated baseball stadium, many years before. The grotto is focal point of several paths winding through flowers and trees.







Augustine Seifert  
1891-99; 1902-12



Benedict Boebner  
1899-1902



Hugh Lear  
1912-1916



Ignatius Wagner  
1917-1925



Didacus Brackman  
1925-1928



Joseph Kenkel  
1928-1937

THE TWELVE PRESIDENTS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S



Rufus Esser  
1937 Jan.-June



Cyril Knue  
1937-1938



Aloys Dirksen  
1938-1944



Henry Lucks  
1944-1948



Alfred Zanolar  
1948-1951



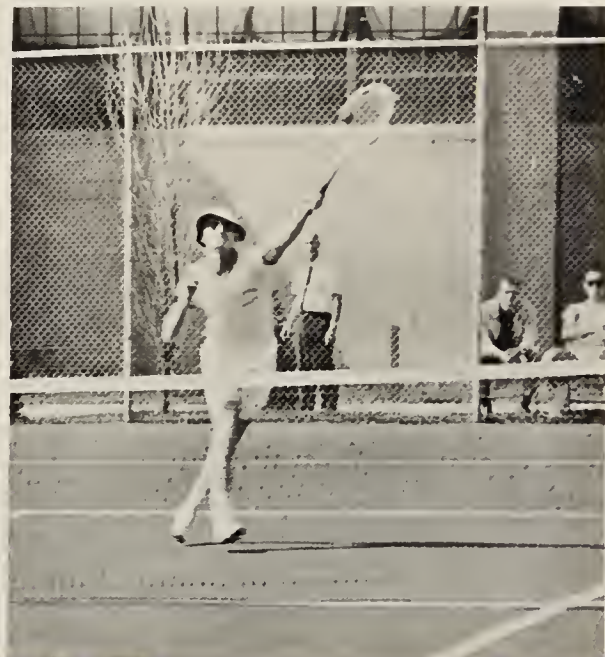
Raphael Gross  
1951-



In a boys' boarding school, organized athletics was, along with Latin courses, a sine qua non.





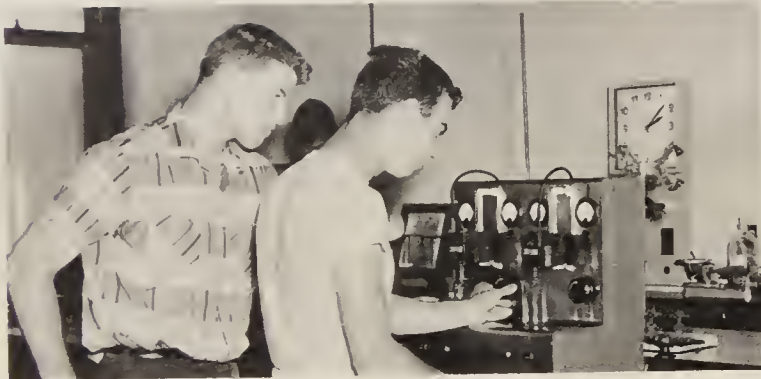


Whatever the season, modern day Saint Joseph's playing fields bustle with intercollegiate and intramural sports.





The pursuit of knowledge for its own  
sake, in laboratory and classroom,  
has been the purpose of the College since  
that day of dedication in 1891.







The day of days for student and parents:  
graduate receives diploma from Bishop Carberry.  
The Dean's smile as he leads the graduates to the  
hall symbolizes the faculty's sense of accomplishment.





Faculty House and Halleck Center are most recent structures on campus. Bishop Carberry of Lafayette officiates at a ground-breaking ceremony. General Eisenhower, on September 13, 1962, lays cornerstone of Halleck, with the Congressman observing at the right.



The College began its diamond jubilee on May 1, 1963, when His Excellency Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, celebrated, in the presence of several other bishops, a solemn pontifical Mass and later blessed the new Faculty House.

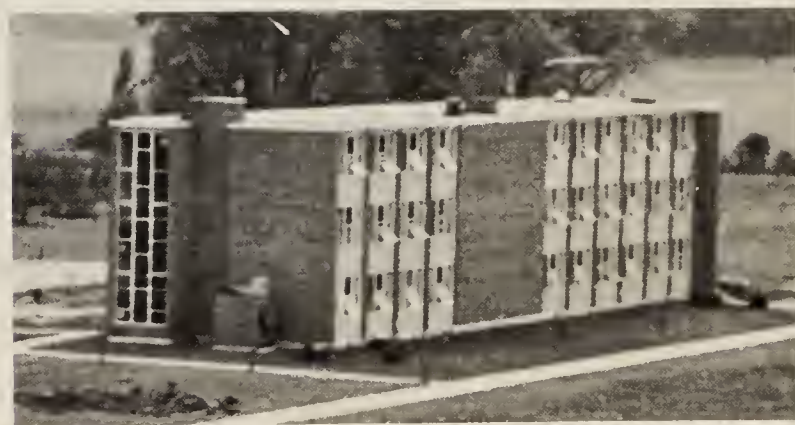




THE TWIN TOWERS: CHAPEL



GALLAGHER HALL



HALAS HALL





BENNETT HALL



XAVIER HALL

# SAINT JOSEPH'S 1964

NOLL HALL





HALLECK CENTER



THE NEW FACULTY HOUSE



SEIFERT HALL



CALUMET CAMPUS LIBRARY





THE FIELDHOUSE



SCIENCE, LIBRARY, MUSIC





